



Wireless
Infrastructure
Association

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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation, Implementation of State and Local Governments' Obligation to Approve Certain Wireless Facility Modification Requests Under Section 6409(a) of the Spectrum Act of 2012, WT Docket No. 19-250; Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WC Docket No. 17-84.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA),¹ pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules,² hereby provides notice that on November 14th, the undersigned spoke by phone with Aaron Goldberger, Wireless & International Advisor to Chairman Pai. On November 15th, the undersigned and Stephen Keegan, Law Clerk for WIA, met with William Davenport, Chief of Staff & Senior Legal Advisor for Wireless and International for Commissioner Starks.

During the meetings, WIA presented information and arguments regarding the pending Petition for Declaratory Ruling and Petition for Rulemaking on the Commission's rules implementing Section 6409 of the Spectrum Act.³ Discussions pertained to the applicability of the Section 6409 to state and local authorities, clarifying terms in the Commission's rules, and allowing for limited compound expansions, which are reflected in WIA's Comments.⁴ Additionally, WIA reasserted its commitment to collaborating with local governments and all interested stakeholders to improve

¹ The Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA) is the principal organization representing companies that build, design, own, and manage telecommunications facilities throughout the world. WIA's members include infrastructure providers, carriers, and professional services firms.

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

³ Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 ("Spectrum Act"), Pub. L. No. 112- 96, 126 Stat. 156, 232-33 § 6409(a) [2012] (codified at 47 U.S.C. § 1455(a)).

⁴ Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation from John A. Howes, Jr., WIA, WT Docket No. 19-250, RM-11849; WC Docket No. 17-84 (filed Nov. 8, 2019).

processes and to expedite broadband deployment, as stated in a previous *ex parte* filing.⁵

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

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Respectfully submitted,
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